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SUBJ: CSCE: ITALIAN PROPOSAL FOR SEPARATE
DECLARATION ON MEDITERRANEAN

1. NATO DELEGATION HEADS HELD BRIEF DISCUSSION APRIL
25 OF HOW TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS ON ITALIAN PRO-
POSAL FOR SEPARATE DECLARATION ON THE MEDITERRANEAN.
DURING QUESTIONING OF EC-NINE RATIONALE IN SUPPORTING
ITALIAN PROPOSAL, US REP QUESTIONED JUDGMENT EXPRESSED
BY FRG DURING NAC MEETING APRIL 22 THAT MENTION OF
MEDITERRANEAN UNDER SPECIFIC CSCE AGENDA ITEMS WOULD
HAVE " MUCH MORE FAR-REACHING EFFECTS" THAN A SEPARATE
MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION. FRG REP, AS CHAIRMAN OF
NINE, GAVE UNCONVINCING REPLY, NOTING SPECIAL DANGERS
OF POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF CBM'S TO NON-PARTICIPATING
MEDITERRANEAN STATES. NORWEGIAN REP ASKED IF SEPARATE
DECLARATION WOULD PRECLUDE REFERENCES TO MEDITERRANEAN
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UNDERSPECIFIC SUBJECTS.FRENCH AND ITALIAN REPS IN

REPLY INDICATED THIS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE THE CASE.

2. FRG REP SUGGESTED DISCUSSION OF LANGUAGE USED IN CURRENT DRAFT DECLARATION WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO WHETHER IT WOULD BE INTRODUCED AS A DRAFT OF A SEPARATE DECLARATION OR SPLIT UP UNDER RELEVANT AGENDA ITEMS. UK REP SAID THERE WAS NO REPEAT NO TIME PRESSURE TO TABLE THE DECLARATION, AND ITALIAN REP ADMITTED THAT NO OTHER COUNTRY IS PREPARING A SIMILAR PROPOSAL, ALTHOUGH YUGOSLAVS HAVE SAID THEY WOULD "DO SOMETHING IF NO ONE ELSE DOES." DISCUSSION WILL BE CONTINUED APRIL 30.

3. FRG, NETHERLANDS, AND TURKISH DELEGATIONS HAVE OFFERED TO HELP US FIND A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM, AND PORTUGUESE, NORWEGIANS, CANADIANS, AND UK ARE EVIDENTLY SYMPATHETIC. WE HAVE MAINTAINED POSITION THAT IF WE ARE GIVEN INDICATIONS THAT SPONSORS OF THIS PROPOSAL ARE WILLING TO GIVE UP IDEA OF SEPARATE DECLARATION, WE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS LANGUAGE WHICH COULD BE INTRODUCED IN BASKETS I AND II.

4. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT ITALIAN SOUNDINGS WITH NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN STATES HAVE NOT BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL THUS FAR. ONLY ALGERIANS FAVOR SEPARATE DECLARATIONS IDEA, WITH TUNISIANS LIKEWARM AND OTHER COUNTRIES UNENTHUSIASTIC IN CONTRAST TO UK IMPRESSION AS REPORTED IN LONDON 5127. HOWEVER, WITH ACTIVE AND CLEVER ALGERIAN REPRESENTATIVE HERE LEADING THE CSCE SATELLITE ARAB GROUP, THIS SITUATION COULD CHANGE AT ANY TIME.
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